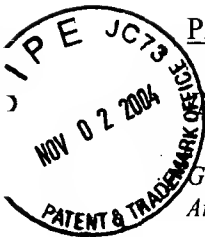


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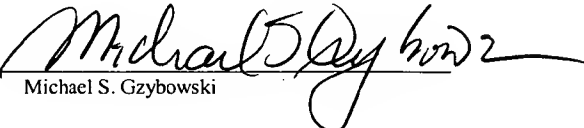
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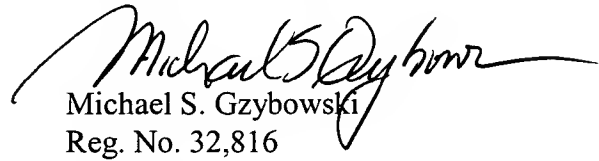
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In response to the Office Communication of September 29, 2004 applicants are submitting replacement drawings of Figures 2 and 7 that incorporate the amendments that were previously submitted on May 14, 2004 (via Certificate of first class mail).

The submitted proposed replacement drawings include two (2) replacement sheets with the "Replacement Sheet" headings requested by the Examiner in the Office communication.

Acknowledged receipt and approval of the replacement drawings are requested.

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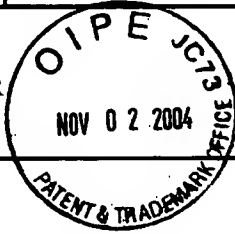
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